We claim:

1   1. An application system comprising:

2   an internet application system configured to support an internet application, the internet

3   application associated with metadata configured for generating an application user

4   interface, the internet application system including,

5   a) an application server configured to generate the application user

6   interface, and

7   b) a web application server configured to deliver the application user

8   interface to a client;

9   an application development system configured to generated the metadata, the metadata

10   being further configured to characterize a customizable find command

11   included in the application user interface;

12   a configuration system including a configuration engine and a configuration interface, the

13   configuration interface configured to modify configuration data

14   characterizing the customizable find command; and

15   a data repository including a data record for storing the configuration data, the data

16   record being accessible using the metadata.

1   2. The system of claim 1, wherein the find command is customizable to search data displayed in

2   the application user interface.

1 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the find command is customizable to search all rows

2   associated with a result, a subset of all rows being displayed in the application

3   user interface.

1 4. An application system comprising:

2   an internet application system configured to support an internet application, the internet

3   application associated with metadata configured for generating a plurality of

4   application user interfaces each having a customizable find command, the internet

5   application system including,

6   a) an application server configured to generate at least one of the plurality

7   of application user interface, and

8   b) a web application server configured to deliver the at least one of the

9   plurality of application user interfaces to a client,

10   the find command being customizable either to search all of a result or to search

11   only a subset of the result being displayed in the at least one of the

12   application user interfaces;

13   a personalization system including a personalization engine and a user profile interface,

14   the personalization interface configured to modify personalization data

15   characterizing the customizable find command such that the customizable find

16   command in more than one of the plurality of application user interfaces is

17   modified;

18   a data repository including a data record for storing the personalization data, the data

19   record being accessible using the metadata.

5. A method of customizing an application user interface, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing a page definition, the page definition including metadata associated with a

customized property of a find command, the customized property including the

scope of a search;

accessing the metadata to obtain a reference to a data record;

using the reference to access the data record, the data record being stored in a data

repository and being user modifiable, the data repository being physically remote

from a client used to display an application user interface;

accessing the data record to determine a value defining the customized property;

generating markup-language responsive to the determined value; and

including the generated markup-language in the application user interface.